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SWIMMING POOL SAFETY CERTIFICATION

DOES NOT APPLY TO HOT TUBS OR SPAS WITH LOCKING SAFETY COVERS THAT COMPLY WITH ASTM F1346 (California Health and Safety Code 115922)

When a permit is issued for construction of a new or remodeled swimming pool or spa at a single-family residence, the swimming pool or spa shall be provided with drowning prevention safety measures for protection of children and other occupants who may access the pool from the home, from adjacent properties, and from the public way. (County of Ventura Building Code, VCBC 3109.3)

Select one compliance option from “GROUP A” with the corresponding additional drowning prevention features from “GROUP B.”

GROUP A. Compliance Options:

- 1. An approved power-operated pool cover, plus one additional drowning prevention measure listed in Group B, except item #3, or
- 2. An enclosure (per item #1 below), plus one additional drowning prevention measure listed in Group B, except item #2, or
- 3. An approved perimeter barrier (property line wall/fence), plus two additional drowning prevention measures listed in Group B

GROUP B. Additional Drowning Prevention Safety measures:

- 1. Enclosure that meets the requirements of section 115923 and isolates the pool or spa from the single-family residence.
- 2. Removable mesh fence that meets ASTM F2286 standards in conjunction with a gate that is self-latching, self-closing and opens away from pool/spa. Shall accommodate a key lockable device.
- 3. An approved pool safety cover, manual or power operated that meets ASTM F1346-91
- 4. Exit alarms on the private single-family residence for all doors from the residence that provide access to the pool. Exit alarms may cause an alarm noise or verbal warning.
- 5. Self-closing and self-latching device on doors with access to pool from the private single-family residence not lower than 54 inches above the floor.
- 6. Water break alarm that when placed in the pool will sound an audible alarm upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entry to the pool; that meets ASTM F2208 standards.
- 7. Other means of protection, if greater or equal to that afforded by the features set forth above, and has been verified and approved by a Nationally Recognized testing lab meeting ASTM standards

Approved perimeter barriers (property line walls/fences) must be a minimum 48 inches in height when measured from grade on the side opposite to the constructed pool. Gates shall swing outward, away from the pool and be self-latching/self-closing with the latch located on the pool side of the barrier. Barriers shall isolate the pool from adjacent properties and from the public way.

I hereby certify that I am the owner of the referenced property and have provided the drowning prevention safety measures marked above. I understand and agree that upon completion of the project, and thereafter, the drowning prevention safety measures will be properly maintained. The Building Inspector shall inspect the drowning prevention safety measures and if found to comply shall authorize the pool to be filled.

Owner's Name (Print)	Owner's Signature	Address	Date
Building Inspector (Print)	Building Inspector's Signature	Permit Number	Date

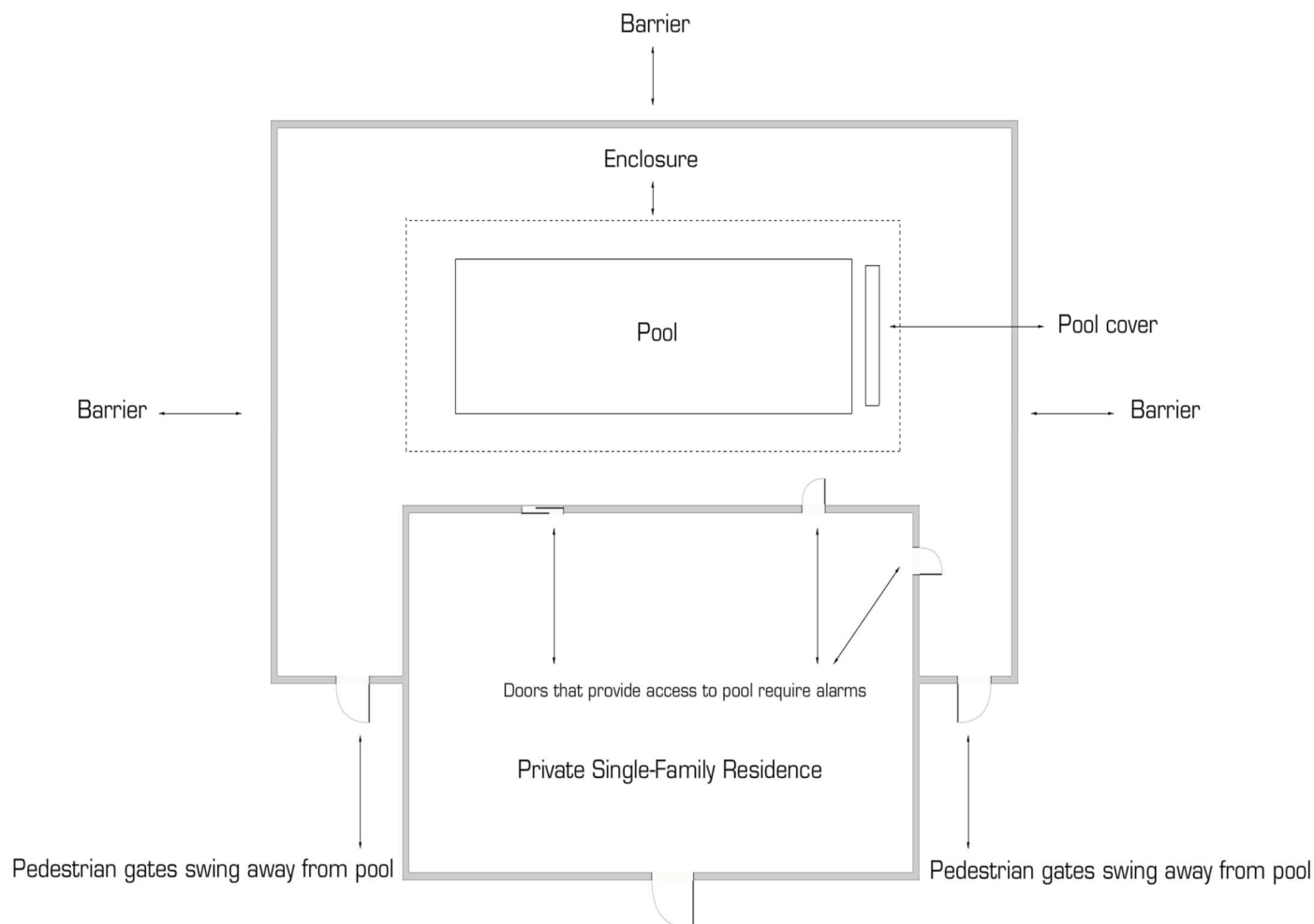


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DEFINITIONS:

1. **BARRIER** – Separation of property lines and the public way
2. **ENCLOSURE** – A fence, wall or gate that isolates the swimming pool or spa from the private single-family residence
3. **POOL COVER** – Approved safety pool cover is manually, or power operated that meets the performance standards for ASTM F1346-91
4. **EXIT ALARMS** – Devices that make an audible, continuous alarm sound when any door or window that permits access from the single-family residence to the pool area is left ajar.
5. **WATER BREAK ALARM** – An alarm that when placed in a pool or spa, will sound upon detection of accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. The alarm shall meet and be independently certified to the ASTM Standard F2208.
6. **LATCHES** – When Latches on Barriers and Enclosures are located less than 54 inches above grade the latch shall be required to be positioned on the “Pool Side” of the Barrier/Enclosure and no lower than 3 inches from the top of the Barrier/Enclosure.